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SUBJECT: NEA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 3

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1. SUMMARY. AEC/ BRUSSELS OFFERS COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE BY AEC IN PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS FOR US REP AT SUBJECT MEETING. END SUMMARY

2. AEC/ BRUSSELS HAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED NUMBER OF PERTINENT DOCUMENTS ON AGEND (REF A) FOR NEA STERRING COMMITTEE MAY 3 MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER NEA, US HAS SEAT AT SUCH MEETINGS AND HAS VOICE IN PROCEEDINGS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT AEC SCIENCE ADVISOR BRUSSELS/ PARIS S. ROUSSO WILL REPRESENT US AT THIS MEETING.

3. WE BELIEVE SEVERAL ITEMAS ON AGENDA ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US AND URGE AEC COORDINATE ITS COMMENTS WITH DEPARTMENT SO THAT USOECD AND ROUSSO CAN BE PROPERLY INSTRUCTED IN TIMELY FASHION. AS NOTED, OTHER AGENCIES ALSO INVOLVED IN SOME ISSUES, AND WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL HANDLE NECESSARY OVERALL CO-ORDINATION. FOLLOWING ARE DETAILED COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AEC CONSIDERATION:

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4. AGENDA ITEM 5: MANDATE, MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANISATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS. WE RECOMMEND US SUPPORT DRAFT MANDATE AS DEVELOPED BY AD HOC WORKING GROUP (SEE REFTEL B). WE ANTICIPATE NO SUBSTANTIAL OBJECTION BUT BELIEVE OUR DEL SHOULD HAVE FLEXIBILITY TO SUPPORT INCREASED/ EARLIER ATTENTION BY THIS COMMITTEE TO INSTALLATIONS OTHER THAN REACTORS IN UNLIKELY EVENT THIS SHOULD RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY SUPPORT IN STEERING COMMITTEE.

5. AGENDA ITEM 8: CONSULTATIONS ON A RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATION INTO THE ATLANTIC DURING 973. WE SUGGEST AEC POSITION BE TO INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED OPERATION. DEPT. MAY WISH COORDINATE POSITION THIS ITEM ELSEWHERE IN USG.

6. AGENDA ITEM 10: DRAFT RADIATION PROTECTION STANDARDS FOR GASEOUS TRITIUM LIGHT DEVICES. WHILE US WILL HAVE VOICE IN FINAL APPROVAL THESE DRAFT STANDARDS AT OECD COUNCIL LEVEL, WE URGE EXPEDITED DR REVIEW SO THAT AEC COMMENTS. IF ANY MAY BE VOICED AT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.

7. AGENDA ITEM 11: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN RADIATION GENETICS. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE PROGRAM OF SOME INTEREST TO AEC/ DBER IN WHICH US MAY WISH TO TAKE ACTIVE PART. AS HUMAN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL PORTION CONTEMPLATES PARTICIPATION NATIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES, DEPT MAY WISH COORDINATE AS WELL WITH HEW. GREENWALD

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